

RODDY McDOWELL IS GETTING OLDER

grey temples  
on Joan Rivers  
not the 16-year-  
old heart-breaker  
in The Secret Garden  
to my 5-year-old  
pudgy face  
looking up in the  
campus theatre.  
Margaret O'Brien,  
my idol in braids.  
The dark, the plush  
of velvet seats as  
safe as arms holding  
me until the blast  
of light walking  
out into Main St  
stinging like a  
spray of iced water  
from Otter Falls

THE ARCHITECT

In Sweden  
light is  
something you  
want to  
celebrate.  
Since you get  
so little in  
the north  
we dream  
of Italy

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I WAS A NURSE

I fell in love  
with a doctor  
who sold drugs  
my life was  
threatened  
when they knew  
I knew once I  
carried drugs  
unknowingly  
when I was asked  
to, I said no,  
went to the  
police became  
an undercover  
cop

Fundamentally, I  
am an Easterner.  
I do not care for  
the outdoors. I  
don't hunt, don't  
fish, don't ski.  
To me, the out  
doors is the exact  
distance from the  
door of my car to  
the door of an  
enclosed shopping  
center. You know  
there are very  
few people out  
here who are  
basically Eastern.  
And one way you  
might find a few  
is in a Jewish  
Community Center